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J. F. FARISH,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 36, 1966.

#### DESERVED TREATMENT.

Delegate Troll is in . bad business Instead of showing indignation, he should bow to the tendency on the part of the House of Delegates to treat with contempt his bill to gridiron Forest Park with street car tracks.

His apparent seriousness in attempting to push his bill through the lower branch of the Municipal Assembly removes all reason for patience with him. The bill itself proposes to turn over Forest Park to a mysterious syndicate that shall have the privilege of doing

amendment be added to the bill devoting Tower Grove Park and Shaw's Garden as sites for the power-houses and coal sheds of the Forest Park Company. The bill deserves no better treatment. The aims of the measure are worthy of the

## LUCK BY THE MILLION

Remembering the words of Holy Writ which declare that "to him that bath shall be given" it will probably be recognized as in keeping with this truth that Millionaire Schwab of the Steel Trust now stands to make a winning of millions through the contrariness of cer-

This stroke of luck came about through Mr. Schwab's securing an option on certain steel properties for a syndicate of New York banks. The banks then refused to accept the properties. Mr. Schwab held fast to what he had secured. Twelve hours later the same banks offered him a profit of \$1,000,000 for his holdings. Upon his refusal they offered a \$2,000,000 profit. Still he held out, and he now counts on a profit of \$5,000,000, through absorption of the properties by the Steel Trust of which

be is president. You can't stop a man who has the money-making streak to this extent. Luck is coming his way, as the saying is, and he couldn't keep it off with a club. There's no use for any of us to complain, it would seem. The best thing to do is to keep rubbing your rabbit's-foot and hope that. Schwab's luck may some fine day transfer itself to you.

## WORLD'S FAIR WARSHIPS.

Missouri and its metropolis, St. Louis. are glad to learn about the prospective superiority of the battleship and the er now under process of construction for the American Navy, the one to bear the name of this State and the other the name of its chief city.

These two fighting ships, it is intended by the builders and the United States Government, will be the best types of their class in the world. They will represent the highest achievement possible to naval construction. Their speed will unequaled. Their equipment will be the most complete yet put into such

The American battleship Missouri and the American cruiser St. Louis will city for which they are named. It is in disgust from the chairmanship. The expected that the Missouri will be element in the Republican party that launched within a few mouths. The had control of the offices at that time St. Louis should be completed some time were not for reform. Other public in 1903 if the builders' plans are successin 1903 if the builders' plans are success-fully carried out. Both will probably be tain Hodges made to change conditions Fair. They will receive especial attention because of the fact that the eyes of the world will be on Missouri and St. Louis just then. It will be their proud privilege to represent the World's Fair State and city at a most appropriate to the worst elements in city politics.

battleship and the finest cruiser in the American Navy. An excellent way to plate. This service should bear the World's Fair crest; the emblem yet to World's Fair of 1903. The presentation ceremonies in each case should be made a World's Fair ceremony, conducted by representatives of the World's Fair Company. These suggestions are confidently urged upon the attention of the people of Missouri and St. Louis,

#### ABANDONED.

Congressman Richardson of Tennes see puts his finger on a very sore spot of our national body politic when he calls attention to the peril now confronting and menacing the Monroe Doctrine as the result of American imperialist

policies. It is undoubtedly true that we can no longer consistently forbid the interference of Europe in the affairs of the Western Hemisphere, nor can we logically resent a foreign acquisition of territory in our half of the world. The basis of the Monroe Doctrine was necessarily found in our refraining from interference in European awairs and from the acquisition of territory in the Eastern Hemisphere. We have ourselves de stroyed this foundation, and the Monroe Doctrine falls shattered because of that destruction.

There is at the present moment an uneasy belief in the minds of the administration chiefs in Washington that Europe is contemplating action which shall serve notice on us that the Monroe Doctrine is no longer regarded as being in force. It is said that several foreign Governments are making plans for the establishment of coaling stations in the proximity of South and Central American ports. Germany's colonial work in Brazil is causing the gravest anxiety to our Government. There is every reason to believe that Europe's announcement of disregard for the Monroe Doctrine will be definitely made in the near fu-

And when this announcement comes what will be our argument in reply? We cannot demand of European Governments that they shall still remain bound by an American doctrine which no longer binds the American Government. We cannot rightfully command Europe to keep hands off the Western Hemisphere when we have ourselves laid violent hands on large territory in the Eastern Hemisphere. We will be in the wrong in such a controversy. We have been in the right heretofore, beause we held to our part of a doctrine forbidding European expansion in our direction. All we can do now is to declare war on Europe in support of our determination to remain supreme in the Western Hemisphere. This existence or menace of war will never be absent hereafter. And for what do we pay a price so appalling in its meaning of the waste of American blood and treasure? For a miserable group of Islands in the Orient, inhabited by some 8,000,000 Malays, who will fight against us for generation after generation until we have exterminated them from the face of the earth. Our present position represents the most stupendous folly known in the history of nations.

## NOTHING UNUSUAL.

Illinois Republicans are beginning to discover the essential elements of in-Delegate Koein showed an appreciation of the monstrous measure when he offered a resolution directing that an should be a thorough master of this should be a thorough master nest of human passions. Governor Yates seems to have taken such a pleasure in neglecting to reward fealty that even the Illinois branch of Republicanism has consolidated in reviling the man

who was once their idol. When Governor Yates first made his essay in the gubernatorial race his chief stock in trade was his ancestry. He had small political following. He was regarded as a very unlikely quantity until the exigencies of the campaign made him an available compromise between the machines. The loyalty of his friends was tested to the limit and the "original Yates man" deems it an honor to have shown the intrepldity required

at the crucial time. Apparently honor is all Governo Yates intends that any of them shall have, for he has been distributing the more substantial favors to former enemies who have "come around." The "original Yates man" may have been convenient at one time, but his present utility seems to be very meager in the eyes of the appointive power.

There is nothing unusual in this state of affairs. Governor Yates is only following a frequent practice. Two friends are called upon to support a candidate; one may lend his aid for pure friendship's sake, though against his convictions, while the other may at first refuse this support yet in the end "comaround," just as numerous Illinois Republicans have done in the case of Governor Yates. The man who remained friendly all the time generally receive credit for doing no more than his duty.

while the other man gets the nuts. That is the way of the world. The "original Yates man" should console himself with the thought that he is simply a victim of immutable law. It is necessary to follow this law in building a political machine such as the one Povernor Yates is constructing.

# CHANGED CONDITIONS.

One year ago, when the Republican were in control of the City Council, weeks were wasted in an effort to pass a general appropriation bill. The issue was one of retrenchment

Captain Hodges, as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, was for a businessike treatment of the city administration. He believed in running the city as a private corporation and no American cruiser St. Louis will as a public crib. His efforts were treat addily advertise the State and the nmission at the time of the World's were opposed by the "gang." He knew

State and city at a most appropriate to the worst elements in city politics.

By the last election, the gang element has been wiped out of the Council. The party division is there, but both sides

conferring their names upon the finest fulfill their duty with a regard to the public need. So far there has been no cavilling. The Mayor has received cormanifest this appreciation would be to dial support from the Républican mem-present to each a fine service of silver bers of the body. At the last meeting. while discussing a bill to tax platforms erected on sidewalks, Captain Hodges be selected which shall be known took occasion to express his appreciation around the globe as the emblem of the of the changed conditions at the City Hall.

"I desire in this connection," he remarked, "to extend congratulations to Mayor Wells for ordering signs and obstructions removed from the streets and sidewalks. He deserves credit for the good work. Heretofore, it has been the custom, whenever any one desired to violate the laws, to go to the Mayor and get a permit to do so. I am glad such practices are now only a memory."

This is only one instance of the appreciation that political opponents are showing for the work being done by Mayor Wells, Captain Hodges, as the man most prominent in efforts to change former conditions in his own party, is highly qualified to speak on present conditions. Mayor Wells is more than justifying the faith of the many Republicans who turned to him for help at the last election. An open acknowledgment of that fact by such a man as Captain Hodges is a frank and entirely proper

### PRESIDENTIAL TALK.

While there is considerable entertainment in a discussion of likely candidates for the Presidency in 1904, it must be confessed that at this early day little | can be done in the direction of definitely indicating the leading competitors in either party.

The next Presidential election is three years distant. A Congressional election is to be held next year which may have a most notable influence upon nominations. It may be seen at a glance, therefore, that the time is not yet at hand for the bringing out of Presidential aspirants. Beyond the pleasure of seeing their names in print as having been mentioned for the Presidency, little good is likely to accrue to the men who may be talked of in this connection at the present moment.

The issues to be passed upon in the next Presidential election must largely determine the choice of Presidential candidates. These issues are now shaping themselves. While there is some reason to believe that they are being fairly indicated even now, they have not yet taken their respective places in the order of their importance. They will not do so, in all probability, earlier than the congressional session of 1903. Not until this development has followed the elections of 1902 will the finger of political destiny be pointed authoritatively at

any man as a Presidential probability. The foremost demand upon the Democratic party is to attend faithfully to the political duty of the present moment. The party's organization should be kept in compact working order. The enthuslasm of the rank and file for the principles upon which American Democ racy is founded should be adequately maintained. The party's disciplinshould be looked to as a most important phase of the work of preparation for conflict. The pext national fight will be fought in the Congressional skirmish of 1902. Let us see that we are thoroughly equipped for that fight. The Presidential candidate and the issues for 1904 will be in evidence at the proper time; and the earliest moment likely to be de cisive is the deliberate debates of 1903, following the campaign of 1902.

some art dealers are trying to convince him that he bought the wrong canvas. So far, he hasn't been convinced.

St. Louis handled 36 per cent more warehouse freight during the first six months of this year than during the first six months of 1900. That shows the direction and size of the current.

Grafters may object to Mayor Wells keeping tab on the Police Courts, but the law-abiding citizens are in favor of a watch upon every department of the city government.

Captain Hodges, in thanking Mayor Wells for not giving permits to violate the law, happly recalls that such practices are only a memory. And so do we

Reports from the South continue to indicate that there will be no reduction for in living expenses. The crops have a way of recovering lost ground this year.

As the street signs are being taken down, St. Louis is just beginning to see that extraordinarily handsome buildings have hitherto been hidden from view.

"War's Darker Side" is emphasized by the last English census in the fact that there are 1,100,000 more females than males in England and Wales.

aginative philosopher harks back in fancy and shivers with all the glorious chilliness of zero weather.

As each day brings forth its list of street-car accidents, the necessity for better street-car fenders becomes more and more apparent.

Now that the aerial globe idea is developed to a practical success, who comes next with a big and novel World's Fair attraction? That formal opening of the Louislan:

Purchase building at Buffalo July 2 should be made a notable World's Fair It is hardly likely that Jessie Morrison of Kansas has sent any congratulatory

telegram to Lulu Prince Kennedy of

After to-day, the Municipal Assembly may pass a law providing for the abatement of smoke. No time should be wasted.

Steel Trust Schwab is plainly so lucky that he could fall off a precipice and find his health improved by the change of

Uncle Sam's battleship Missouri and cruiser St. Louis will be the World's Fair dandles of the American Navy.

Presidential candidates trotted out for nspection now run a good chance of being overtrained by 1904.

It isn't Europe that's repudiating the Monroe Doctrine. She upheld it just as

#### SUMMER GARDEN NEWS-"MIKADO" REVIVAL TO-NIGHT.

Maude Lillian Berri was very sweet to look upon at Uhrig's Cave last night. Her voice, too, was fair; quite up to the point of great beauty. She was gowned most be-

the funny Mr. Moulan did his best with the sadly had jokes of "The Isle of Cham-pagne." He was really most amusing in ex-pression and in dance. There has been an improvement in the rehearsing of the cho-rias, which, last night, seemed to be pos-sessed of human intelligence. So much can-not be said of its "Bohemian Girl" maneu-vering.

Speaking of choruses, take a look at the irls who bring nightly sunshine to Delmar Garden. I have not seen so many beauties in a year of "road companies," and, under the direction of Edward Peerless Temple they are fast learning how to act.

To-night at Delmar Garden there is to he a revival of "Mikado" under favorable the Yum-Yum, of course. Pavilions and grounds will be gorgeously decorated after the Japanese fashion.

Three years after her last appearance here with Jefferson De Angelis, Della Fox has come back into her own, minus some of her voice, but with the same old drawing power which made a fortune for her in former years. Six thousand people were in the pavillon at night and applicated what was once the most promising comic opera singer in the country. She opened her "turn" with "My Honeysuckle," for the refrain of which she uses a male quarter hidden behind the scenes. "Mamie," a catching ditty, was her second offer, and the third a song, "A samemer night, a pret-ty girl," in "Wang," which wen her great-est fame for her. Of course, in the white salior suit. Miss Fox was a reminiscence of her best self, all but la voice. However, the people liked her, and they are as supreme in legitowing applause as in electing a Provident. President.

Aside from his big drawing-card, Colonel Hopkins has other good attractions on his programme. The Faust family's gymnastic and Duke and Harris, the charming duettists, who play a return engagement after only a week's intermission, have a bunch of new songs, of which that of "Ruben who came to town," made an enormous hit. Robert, Hayes and Roberts, a clever comedy trio, treat an old gag—the family quarrel—in an entirely new and ludicrous way. They baby boy of the elder Roberts, measuring six feet and over, is the funniest stage picture of many a day. The pantomime of the Stidolphs is a good appetizer for the beginning of the show.

Lawrence Hanley's d'Artagnan in "The King's Musketeers" was something of a summer ruccess at Koerner's Garden yes-terday, and the Boniface of John Ravold Snader was the Richelleu of the produc-tion. His conception of the part was not unlike the traditional Cardinal on the

M. Henri Agoust, his laughter Laurse and his two sons Emman sel and Alfred are per-senting many new and difficult feats of juz-gling in their act at the Suburban. They gling in their act at the Suburban. They have never before I sen seen in St. Louis, except in some moving of tures shown at the Columbia late last season, and elever as their work seemed under those conditions the reality is even stronger. In addition to the Agousts the Suburban bill includes the Four Huntings, George Austin Moore and Francelli and Lewis.

The annual picnic of the Home Relief Association increased the attendance at Grand Avenue Park yesterday where Maurico Freeman and his company appeared in "A Wife's Peril." Mr. Herbert St. John-Brenon made his initial appearance with the com-pany as the funny Augustus Cholmondeley. Mr. Freeman, Miss Winston and Mr. Rut-

Edward Lawrence and Nina Harrington headed the programme at Manolon's Park. As the ragger girl, Miss Harrington was so successful in her efforts to please the audience that she was several times recailed. The Donovans gave a comedy sketch and the other specialties were along this line. Dick Richards, the "Juvenile Jack Hay

erly," introduced his company of youthful entertainers at the low Palace vesterday and ballads and coon songs.

Ed Rush's Partsian Belle Burlesq pleased two audiences at the Standard. The French Beauties will be seen at this house next week. Warm weather has had its effect upon the crowds but many valiant ones continue to sit out the performance under the many fans.

# WISCONSIN IS SEAWORTHY.

Trial of the Battleship Is Satisfactory to Naval Board. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

San Francisco. Cal., June 16.—The battle-ship Wisconsin returned to port this morn-ing from a forty-eight hours' trial under natural draft, and a test of her seaworthi-ness. The trial was to ascertain the con-ditions of the ship in all respecta, It was entirely satisfactory to the Trial Board, and the builders will consequently not be called upon to make any altera-tions.

tions.

There was no intention to make a record for high speed on this occasion, orders from the Navy Department simply requiring forty-eight hours' trial under natural draft and full power, and the official time made was 16.46 for the required period of the two days.

## JOHN H. GALEY DENIES.

Says Standard Oll Is Not Backing Guffey Company.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

BEPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Beaumont, Tex., June 15.—John H. Galey of the J. M. Guffey company has given out an authorized statement denying in most positive terms that the Btandard Oil Company is backing the Guffey company in the development of the Texas oil fields, as charged in a press dispatch sent out from New York last Wednesday.

Mr. Galey says that the Standard company has not a dollar invested in the Beaumont field, where the Guffey company is the heaviest operator. He admits that his company sells oil to the Standard, but declares that this indicates nothing, as the oil is for sale to any purchaser.

## FRONT PORCH WEDDINGS A FAD.

Eastern Society People Think Well of the Summertime Ceremony.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Philadelphia, June 16.-It is probable that the fashionable set will be quite diligent this season in celebrating marriages in some Miss Marian Baurd and Real Morgan, This ceremony was performed on the beautiful stone porchat the brile's country home, "Bardnoid," Merion. The porch had been duly decorated with flowers and ferns and leaves, and there were setts for the guests on the porch and on the lawn.

Westerners in New York. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, June 16.—Among the arrivals at the hotels here to-day were the following

at the hotels here to-day were the following Westerners:

St. Louis-G. O. Brecht, C. E. Wigginton, C. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Kilpatrick, Misses Kilpatrick, Holland; H. C. Spring, H. S. Griggin, A. E. Rowe and Mrs. Rowe, Astor; W. C. Lewis, F. Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson, H. W. Stegall, G. J. Kobusch, J. M. Bramletts, Waldorf; C. Wahking, A. D. Reed, New Amsterdam; B. Rosenthal, N. Allison, Mariborough; T. W. Weinheimer, Mrs. E. Brodtbeck, Normandie; E. S. Mitchell, Miss Baker, Navarre; H. Hasleton, Manbattan; A. M. Clifford, Imperial; S. P. at Titus and Mrs. Titus, Union Square; M. Martin, Continental; A. G. Roberts, Hoffman; C. Stoffreyen, Rossmore; L. D. Hatch, St. Denis.

Kannas Clty-J. A. Sexton and Mrs. Sexton, Metropolitan; O. G. Knox, Cadillae; B. C. Moss, Murray Hill.

St. Joseph-Q. A. Voss and Mrs. Voss, Cadillae.



NOTICE TO GET OFF THE STREETS.

# IDA EVANS, AGED 15, TO BE GRADUATED IN MUSIC.



MISS IDA EVANS, Who will be graduated from the Vienna Conservatory of Music next

Thursday evening. Pifteen-year-old Ida Evans, who lives at No. 4607 North Eleventh street, a student at the Blair School, will be graduated from the Vienna Conservatory of Music, No. 2500 Easton avenue, June 20. She is one of a class of six. The other members are Misses Margaret Egan, Annie Coffin, Florence Etling and Edith Ray.

For several months Miss Evans has been Klute.

# IN VENEZUELA THE INVESTOR MUST BE WISE AND CAREFUL

Much Danger of Faulty Plats and Descriptions Make It Necessary for Him to Be Absolutely Sure of Having Exact Location Recorded.

Wonderful Richness of the Country, Which Seems to Be Underlaid With Gold-Many Mines, Finely Equipped, Are Left Idle by Their Owners.

about the annulment of the concession of the Orinoco Trading Company. Had there not been a remarkable discrepancy as to the actual location of Bermudez Lake there

would have been no asphalt dispute.

Here is a case in point which will serve
as an illustration: The most profitable
mine in all Venezuela at this time is the mine in all Venezuela at this time is the great Imataca iron mine, in the State of Gunyana, owned by George Turnbull of New York. The ore is of a very high grade, and its richness of yield is phenomenal. Yet, having been worked for many years, it was discovered that the mine was not where the topographical plan, which was a part of the concession, said it was

The surveys and plans in Venezuela, were at fault, very and plans in Venezuela, were at fault, Mr. Turnbull began negotiations to get a clear title under an accurate plan. That was fifteen years ago. During all this time ne has been fighting to get this concession straightened out. As soon as one Government was overthrown Mr. Turnbull would try another. Andrade promised to have the new plan accepted, but Andrade never did anything except seize and close his mine and fine him. More trouble followed when Castro came in, but it was smally Castro who gave relief to the owner of the limataca mine, and on April 25 of this year an order was published accepting the accurate plan in lieu of the one which had made the property worthless so long as it was an official record.

The men who have trouble with the Gov-

Caracus, Venezuela, May 25.—In discussing the investment of capital from the United States in Venezuela two propositions which are perfectly sound may be set down, but one rests on the other.

First—American investments in mining and other commercial enterprises are perfectly safe so long as a stable government is assured.

Second—Before Americans invest their money in Venezuela, particularly in mines, timber lands, etc., they should first pee that there can be absolutely no error in the location and description of the property; that in obtaining the concessions all legal formalities are complied with, and that the terms of the agreements and the laws of Venezuela are lived up to.

It is through neglect of the second proposition that all trouble has come to American capital. It was that which brought about the annulment of the concession of the College Mark and th

"American capitalists," said dinister Arocha, "need fear nothing in the country so long as they comply with the laws of the country. That is all we ask. That is all the United States would ask of citizens of this country who went to the United States to do business. But your country would expect that and insist upon it. Venezuela welcomes American capital. It desires all forcists capital for the development of the wonderful resources of the country. We have a country of great mineral wealth. It cannot be surpassed anywhere. We have gold and sliver mines of great richness. The famous gold mines at Callio, which produced \$46,00,000 in gold, are now closed. That is because the vein has been lost. It will be found again, We have fron and copper ores in abundance. We have great deposits of coal, and the country is very rich in petroleum.

"The region south of the Orthoco is a Strangers Must Be Careful.

great Calilo mine has been closed ever since the failure of the Baring Bros. In this company there were only thirty-two shares, and one share sold for \$400,000.

Vasat Gold Fields.

During the last days of Guzman Blanco at least twenty-five gold mines had been opened around Calilo, backed by French, German and American capital. Revolutions came so fast that all the property was deserted. Most of the mines were never even worked. There they are to-day, fitted up with expensive machinery that cost millions to construct and millions more to transport. The whole country is dead. The town of Callio has dwimiled from 15,000 inhabitants to 3,000. Only two mines are now being worked by foreign capital, and these are in the far west. The Yusuri Gold Mining Company, formed to dredge gold from the Yusuri, has lost its concession through bad management and getting into financial difficulties.

For centuries, Mr. Gage says, gold har.

management and getting into financial difficulties.

For centuries, Mr. Gage says, gold hay been washed down the hill into the Yuay 1 and Caroni rivers. The natives content themselves with washing the beds of the streams, and with sinking rude shafts, hoisting the earth up and washing that for gold. No one has ever thought of looking to the highlands along these rivers for the main velus. But the entire country's underhald with gold. No one has thoroutally prospected or even attempted carefully to explore the great region between San Felix and Callio, Yet all the region is of much the same character as that in which the Callio mine is located.

Better Than the Klondike.

Better Than the Klondike.

The actual buying and selling, the retail The actual buying and selling, the retail business, is being conducted by the French and Germans, but the United States has the lead in imports and exports. In January the exports of coffee to the United States from La Guayra were 279,230 kilos; to France, 27,558 kilos, and to Germany, 276.

France, 25,575 kilos, and to Germany, 276,281 kilos. But in February France put a new tariff on coffee, raising it from 10 to 350 francs per 100 kilos. The result was that the United States in that month 50t 355,361 kilos of coffee; France, 137,725 kilos, and Germany, 20,862 kilos.

The latest figures of trade available are for 1839. In that year the exports from Venezuela to the United States amounted to 55,632,900; to France, 37,804,000; to Germany, 32,237,250; to Great Britain, 222,600. These figures have since changed in favor of the United States, 32,641,600; Great Britain, 32,607,250; Germany, 3552,000; France, \$555,500.

#### CINCINNATI GETTING READY. Provides \$25,000 to Entertain Knights and Dames of St. John.

Cincinnatt, O., June 16.-Reports to the local committees show that every section of the country will be represented here at the twenty-third annual international conthe twenty-third annual international con-vention of the Knights of St. John, June 25 to 27. Large delegations will attend from Canada and the West. California, Colora-do and New Mexico will send commander-les to enter the competitive drill for the world's championship. Over \$2,600 has been subscribed to the entertainment fund. An attendance of over 30,000 knights and their families is indicated from the letters re-ceived.

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The ladies auxiliaries are being formed here to look after the visiting Dames of St. John, which holds its first annual convention here on the dates of the knights' gathering. Music Hall, the Odeon and Robinsons's Opera-house will be used for the four 
days' session of the order and meetings of 
the distant divisions of the military rank.

An important matter to come before the 
convention in a proposed amendment to give 
an increased revenue to the widows and 
orphans fund. Last year over \$10,000 in 
incurance was paid to families of deceased 
members of the organization.

On the first day of the convention, there 
will be a street pageant of over 20,000 uniformed knights.

# YOUNG GIRL DIES SUDDENLY.

Family Thought She Was Suffering From Mumps.

Lena Kann of No. 2115 North Ninth street. 16 years old, died suddenly yesterday morn-ing at 10:30 o'clock under peculiar circum-stances, and the physician who was sum-

autopsy he pronounced her death the result of diphtheria.

Edward Lambert, stepfather of the girl, who is employed at Marysville, Ill., said that Lens was taken sick Wednesday, but it was thought that she was merely suffering from a slight cold.

On Saturday a swelling developed in her throat which her mother supposed to be mumps. Yesterday morning she arose as usual and said that she felt better. She are breakfast with the family, and afterward said that she was sleepy and went to bed. About 19 o'clock her mother went to arouse her and found her in convulsions.

# STEAMBOAT CAPTAIN DROWNS.

Giles Ewing Falls Overboard From